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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Fritz W. Ermarth
Chairman

SUBJECT: NIC Activity Report, 8 - 14 July 1988

DCI and DDCI Support

On 12 July, the Military Advisory Panel, chaired by General Paul Gorman, met with Brigadier General Mike Pfister, J2 of US Central Command, to discuss Intelligence Community support to USCENTCOM. General Pfister said that support was quite good, and getting better; however, it can drop dramatically during periods of heightened tension in regions outside CENTCOM's area of responsibility. Of particular concern to General Crist, Commander-in-Chief of USCENTCOM, is the lack of redundancy in some collection assets available to his command. This is less of a problem in dealing with non-Soviet contingencies but would be a major problem in a confrontation with the Soviet Union. General Pfister remarked that despite Moscow's enhanced image under Gorbachev, Soviet military forces north of Iran are much more capable of conducting combat operations than they were prior to the invasion of Afghanistan in 1979.

Carl Ford, accompanied by representatives from DIA and NSA, conducted a briefing on North Korea for staff members of the House Permanent Select Intelligence Committee and prepared talking points for the DCI regarding Korean OB developments in preparation for a meeting with Senators Boren and Cohen. (NIO/East Asia)

Julian Nall has arranged for the DCI to receive a briefing by Dr. Steven Lukasik, Vice President of Technology, Northrop Corp., on certain emerging technologies of importance. (NIO/Science and Technology)

Larry Gershwin sponsored a briefing for the DCI and DDCI by National Security Agency analysts describing their ongoing work on strategic relocatable targets. (NIO/Strategic Programs)

Bob Blackwell set up a seminar for the DDCI on the Soviet Party Conference. (NIO/USSR)

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Guidance to the Intelligence Community

Bill Kotapish briefed two members of an Inspector General team from the Department of State on the Intelligence Community Support to that department's Bureau of International Narcotics Matters. (NIO/Counternarcotics)

Deane Hoffmann will attend an NSC working group meeting on Nicaragua headed by Stephen Danzansky, Senior Director for International Economic Policy, NSC. The Administration wants to discuss the possibility of additional economic sanctions. (NIO/Economics)

Deane Hoffmann is providing to Mr. Danzansky a paper drafted by DI/SOVA on the use of forced labor for tea production in the Soviet Union. Secretary Baker is advocating a prohibition on imports of tea from the Soviet Union. The NSC, State, DoD, and Commerce opposed Baker's initiative. (NIO/Economics)

Bob Blackwell met with Major General Lee Butler, Deputy Chief of J-5 (Plans and Policies), to get JCS reaction to Marshal Akhromeyev's visit and arrange for debriefing of US participants. (NIO/USSR)

Outside Sampling

Fritz Ermarth gave an overview of the situation in Soviet domestic, foreign and military policies to the Defense Policy Board. (Chairman, NIC)

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Deane Hoffmann chaired a community meeting to explore fresh perspectives from which to examine the LDC debt issue. (NIO/Economics)

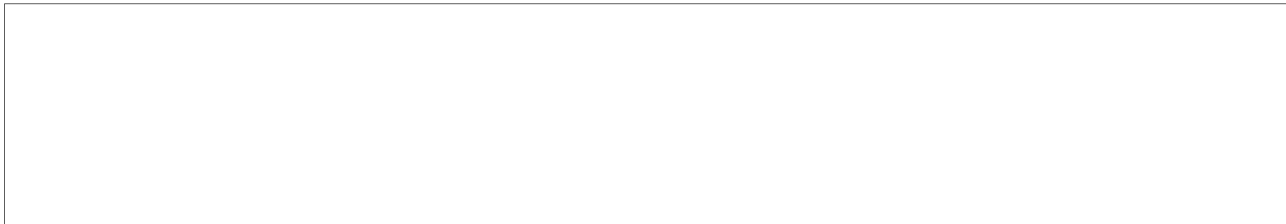
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Larry Budge will attend the START Seminar in the Pentagon on 18-21 July. This is a Joint Chiefs of Staff sponsored political-military simulation to study post-START strategic force structures. (NIO/General Purpose Forces)



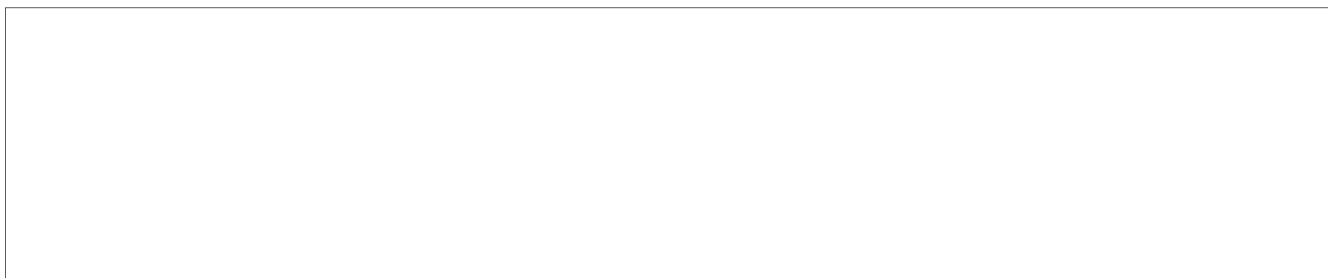
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Dave Einsel and met with a representative from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to discuss recent evidence of a new generation and met with representatives from the Rand Corporation to discuss the impact of the Soviet (NIO at Large/Nuclear Proliferation/Chemical and Biological Warfare and A/NIO/Chemical and Biological Warfare)

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Julian Nall and Art Manfredi will meet with Professor Peter Franken of the University of Arizona to discuss Soviet lasers and with the Deputy Science Advisor to the President to discuss smart weapons. (NIO & A/NIO/Science & Technology)

Bob Blackwell will participate in a roundtable for Secretary of Defense Carlucci prior to his meeting with Soviet Minister of Defense Yazov and will be serving as General Secretary of the Red Team at the Naval War College Global 88 War Game. (NIO/USSR)

Charlie Allen will participate in the 27th annual politico-military seminar sponsored by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; this year's focus will be on the posture of strategic forces in the aftermath of US-Soviet arms reduction. (NIO/Warning)


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